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**Funding Agreement to Support Resource Sector Payment to Alberta**

**For action.** Your signature is requested by **December 22, 2017**, on the attached funding agreement that would provide a grant to the Government of Alberta to support the province's natural resource sector.

Budget 2017 announced a one-time payment of \$30 million in 2017-18 to be made to the Government of Alberta to support provincial actions that will stimulate economic activity and employment in Alberta's resource sector.

The transfer of funding to the province is subject to the Supplementary Estimates B bill receiving Royal Assent. The bill had its first reading in the Senate on December 4, 2017.

Alberta officials have confirmed, as expected, that the grant would be allocated towards the financing costs that the province would incur as a result of issuing a \$235 million loan to the Orphan Wells Association (OWA). Legislation to issue the loan received assent by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in June 2017. The federal funding allows Alberta to provide a larger loan and at more favourable rates than the OWA could access on its own to accelerate proper abandonment and site reclamation of orphan oil and gas wells.

*Attachment*

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s.21(1)(a)  
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s.69(1)(g) re: (c)

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